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I'M HOME
AAH, TOMOHIRO, YOU'RE BACK?

NICE TO MEET YOU, MINISTER YOSHINAGA I AM SHIRAISHI TOMOHIRO
NICE TO MEET YOU, YOSHINAGA
KOUSHI-SAN, THIS IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER, TOMOHIRO
EVER SINCE I BECAME A MINISTER, NOTHING BOTHERS ME MORE THAN THAT
ALTHOUGH IT HAPPENS OFTEN ENOUGH THAT I SHOULD BE USED TO IT, I STILL FEEL STARTLED WHEN PEOPLE ADDRESS ME SO
smile
MY TRAINING FOR FOREIGN STUDIES WILL END THIS SPRING, SO I'LL BE JOINING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THEN
WHO WOULD DARE TO DROP THE "MINISTER" TITLE WHEN ADDRESSING THE FAMOUS MINISTER YOSHINAGA, WHO'S CONSTANTLY RE-WRITING THE YOUNGEST-EVER RECORD FOR PROMOTIONS?

AH, JEEZ, TOMOHIRO, WHAT "NEAR"! IT'S IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY ALTOGETHER!
Jeez, you guys are born with the blood of diplomats in something?
AH, RIGHT. YOU HAVEN'T MET YOSHINAGA-KUN BEFORE, SINCE YOU WASN'T AT THE OMIAI IN TH...IL AND ...
WELL, IT WAS PRETTY NEARBY, IT'S NOT LIKE I COULDN'T GO THERE, BUT ...
TOMOHIRO, YOUR AREA OF SPECIALTY WAS CHINA, RIGHT? SO YOU WILL BE IN THE CHINA DIVISION TOO?
I SEE, CONGRATULATIONS I'LL BE NEEDING YOUR HELP IN BOTH PERSONAL AND WORK MATTERS THEN
YES, I'VE BEEN ALLOCATED THERE
HE WAS AS HANDSOME AS RUMORED OUT TO BE

THAT'S RIGHT
WHAT WAS FAMOUS WAS NOT JUST THE SPEED AT WHICH HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS
SHIRAISHI!
HE WAS ALSO CALLED THE "HOTBED OF SIN" IN THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY
外務
I HAD THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS JUST A VICIOUS, BASELESS RUMOR CIRCULATED BY OTHERS JEALOUS OF HIS SUCCESS
UNTIL I SAW THAT ECCENTRIC BEHAVIOR OF HIS

WOW, INDEED YOU ARE THE VICE-MINISTER'S SON
You're the top one in your cohort
YOU'RE PROMOTED SO FAST
MY FATHER IS NOT THE VICE-MINISTER ANYMORE, HE'S BEEN APPOINTED AS THE US AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY
I HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN POSTED TO THAILAND?
YEAH, FROM THE NEXT PERIOD ONWARDS
FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY
外務省
WHAT!? THAT'S THE HIGHEST POST!!
IT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME
PLEASE DON'T SAY SUCH IMMATURE THINGS
PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR IDENTIFICATION PASSES
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
REACHING THE TOP POST FOR A DIPLOMAT, HUH
I WONDER HOW FAR I CAN GET

IF ONLY YOUR FIRST POSTING WAS CHINA ...
NOW, ALL YOUR CHINESE STUDIES CAN'T COME IN USEFUL
YOU COULD HAVE JUST REQUESTED THAT OF YOUR FATHER
ACTUALLY, I THINK MY SILLY FATHER HAS CHOSEN A GOOD LOCATION TO POST ME TO
WHY?
WELL ... THERE'S A FEW REASONS, BUT WELL. THE CURRENT THAI AMBASSADOR, AOKI, IS ONE OF THE "CHINA SCHOOL"* ONES
*IN THE DIPLOMATIC WORLD, IT MEANS "PRO-CHINA."
HMM, COME TO THINK OF IT THAT FAMOUS MINISTER IS NOW IN THAILAND, RIGHT?
THE ONE THAT THEY SAY DOES "DIPLOMACY BETWEEN HER LEGS" ...

WHAT!?
Don't scare me like that!
SINCE YOU WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING OF YOURSELF IN THIS FIELD, I'LL GIVE YOU 3 PIECES OF ADVICE
FUKUZAWA!!
WELL, I HEARD SHE'S REALLY GORGEOUS, BUT...
BUT, SHE'S REALLY POPULAR AMONG MANY AMBASSADORS...
IT'S SAID THAT IF YOU PEER INTO HER HOLE, YOU CAN SEE THE CONFIDENTIAL SECRETS OF EVERY COUNTRY
OH?
ONE! NEVER GOSSIP ABOUT YOUR SUPERIORS WHEN THERE ARE OTHERS ABOUT! YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THAT'LL COME BACK AND HAUNT YOU
That would be bad...
I was aiming towards a marriage that could boost my career...
TWO! DON'T TALK ABOUT CRUDE AND TASTELESS STUFF! GOOD MARRIAGE OFFERS WILL NEVER COME YOUR WAY!

AND THREE!
THAT FAMOUS PERSON IS PROBABLY MY SISTER'S FIANCE, MINISTER YOSHINAGA
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S A MALE! AT LEAST, GET YOUR INFORMATION RIGHT!
disappointed
.....
IS THAT SO .....?

AT THE JAPAN AMBASSADOR'S MANSION IN THAILAND
AMBASSADOR BRAN, THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUT YOUR PRECIOUS TIME TO MEET WITH US TODAY BEFORE YOUR RETURN TO FRANCE
AMBASSADOR AOKI GREATLY REGRETS HIS INABILITY TO MEET YOU HERE FOR THIS ONE LAST TIME
I FEEL SORRY TO AMBASSADOR AOKI FOR SAYING THIS, BUT IT'S ENJOYABLE TO OCCASIONALLY EAT WITH THE YOUNGER ONES TOO
BUT, ALTHOUGH I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE, YOU ARE INDEED REALLY YOUNG FOR A MINISTER

JAPAN TOO RESPECTS THE GREAT ONES WHO HAD CARVED OUT HISTORY, BUT OUR THINKING IS THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GIVE YOUNG ONES LIKE ME A CHANCE TOO
FROM HERE, WE CAN REALLY SEE THAT JAPAN'S DESIRE TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT THE NEW
WHEN THE AMBASSADOR IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE MINISTER IS TO STAND IN IN HIS PLACE
RIGHT NOW, AMBASSADOR AOKI IS RECEIVING THE AMERICAN TREASURY VICE-HEAD WHO'S VISITING THAILAND, SO THERE'S A BANQUET BEING HELD AT THE EMBASSY ITSELF
IN THIS SITUATION, "NEW" WAS REFERRING TO AMERICA AND THE "ONES THAT CARVED OUT HISTORY", FRANCE
THAT'S WHY THEY HAD PURPOSELY CHOSEN THIS DATE TO MEET WITH OUR MINISTER TOO
OF COURSE, THE FRANCE EMBASSY WOULD KNOW OF SUCH INFORMATION.

ANY HINT OF WEAKNESS WOULD BE AN OPPONENT'S ADVANTAGE
HE'S HINTING THAT OUR PRO-US POLICY WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE JAPANESE-FRANCE RELATIONS
THE TABLE OF DIPLOMACY MAY SEEM LUXURIOUS AND EXTRAVAGANT, BUT HIDDEN BENEATH IS ACTUALLY A STORMY BATTLEGROUND
RIGHT NOW, HE'S ACTUALLY CRITICIZING JAPAN'S CLOSE ALLYING WITH AMERICA, BY MEANS OF RIDICULING MINISTER YOSHINAGA'S YOUTH
NOT AT ALL, THE HEAT HERE IS VERY BAD FOR OLD BONES LIKE MINE I'M HOPING THAT I GET POSTED TO SOMEWHERE WITH A COOL CLIMATE NEXT
DO YOU FEEL AT ALL LONELY ABOUT LEAVING THIS PLACE?
I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A PRETTY LONG TIME, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR EVEN LONGER
OH?
SURPRISE!
IT'S JUST A RUMOR, BUT I HEARD THAT THE AMBASSADOR TO AMERICA FOR A CERTAIN COUNTRY WILL BE ONE WHO HAS HAD EXPERIENCE AS AMBASSADOR IN VARIOUS ASIAN COUNTRIES

WELL ... I'M JUST STATING IT FROM MY OWN POINT OF VIEW ... BUT I IMAGINE HE'LL BE PRETTY TROUBLED
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONTACTS IN AMERICA, HE WOULD HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN
OH? IS THAT THE SAME RUMOR THAT I'VE HEARD TOO?
I WONDER ... PUTTING AN ASIAN EXPERT INTO AMERICA ... WHAT DOES AMBASSADOR BRAN THINK OF THIS COUNTRY'S ARRANGEMENT?
THAT'S RIGHT, MAYBE IT SIGNIFIES THAT THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF POLICY TOWARDS THE US, BUT
OH... THAT'S AN INTERESTING THEORY, BUT COULD IT BE REALLY POSSIBLE?
IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, MAYBE SHE WANTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US, THROUGH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN SOME PARTICULAR ASIAN COUNTRY AND US? IF ONE EXPLAINS IT THAT WAY, WON'T IT BE MORE REASONABLE?
IF AN ESTABLISHED COUNTRY WITH A LONG HISTORY DOES SUCH A DANGEROUS MOVE JUST TO SIGNAL THAT IT HAS HAD A CHANGE IN POLICY, IT'LL BE KIND OF STRANGE

JUST LIKE JAPAN, WE HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES RESPECTIVELY, AND ARE TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH,
WE'RE PREPARED TO RENDER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE CAN TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE 2 COUNTRIES
TURNED THE TABLES ON HIM AND SECURED OUR STANCE
HE'S COMPLETELY

TONIGHT WAS REALLY WELL-SPENT
AFTER THIS, I'M STARTING TO FEEL THAT IT'S QUITE A PITY THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY NOW
I TOO FEEL THE SAME WAY, THAT WAS TOO SHORT A LENGTH OF TIME FOR US TO HAVE A PROPER IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION
I'LL LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO MY RESIDENCE ON A PRIVATE BASIS TOMORROW EVENING
WOULD YOU ACCEPT IT?
OF COURSE I'LL GLADLY ACCEPT IT

THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THE YOSHINAGA-MAGIC
I GUESS IT LEAKED OUT FROM SOMEONE IN THE CLUB, AND HE MADE FULL USE OF IT AT AN OPPORTUNATE MOMENT?
PHEW... WHEN THE FRANCE AMBASSADOR SAID TH IT HE WANTED TO COME TODAY, I WAS SO WORRIED
SAYING THAT HE'S NOT FREE ON ANY OTHER DAY ... BUT VOILA, ON TOUCHING AN INTERESTING TOPIC, HE'S SUDDENLY AVAILABLE AGAIN
CLUB?
BUT, MINISTER YOSHINAGA IS REALLY SOMETHING, HOW DID HE GET THAT INFORMATION? POSTINGS OF AMBASSADORS OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE USUALLY CONFIDENTIAL, AREN'T THEY?
THE YOSHINAGA FAN CLUB, OF COURSE! WELL, IT'S A NAME THAT WE CAME UP WITH,
BUT LIKE WHEN HE WAS INVITED BY IMPORTANT PERSONNEL TO THE PRIVATE MEETINGS EARLIER? SUCH CASES ARE NOT RARE AT ALL
BUT, PASSING OVER THE AMBASSADOR AND GOING ON A PRIVATE BASIS ... IS THAT OKAY?

HIS LOOKS ARE DEFINITELY OUTSTANDING
I GUESS THAT OPENS UP MORE POSSIBILITIES FOR HIM TOO
FROM JUST WHAT I KNOW, THERE'S MANY WHO GIVE HIM FACE
IF PERSONAL CONNECTIONS ARE TREASURES, THEN HE'S DEFINITELY A MILLIONAIRE
ALTHOUGH THERE'S A LOT OF OBSCENE RUMORS ABOUT HIM, BUT THE ABILITY TO CAUSE THAT IN ITSELF IS GOOD
THAT'S WHAT I THINK
IT'S SAID THAT HE'S REALLY POPULAR AMONG MANY AMBASSADORS
THE ONE THAT THEY SAY DOES "DIPLOMACY BETWEEN HER LEGS"

"BUT SINCE I'VE DECIDED THAT, I CAN'T HAVE YOU TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT TONIGHT"
"I'LL JUST HAVE MY FUTURE BROTHER KEEP A LITTLE SECRET"
IT FEELS REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE
AS IF I MYSELF WAS BEING DIRTIED
DON'T TELL ME
HE DOES THAT SORT OF THING WITH THE IMPORTANT FIGURES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES?

SHIRAISHI
GOOD, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO LOOKING FOR YOU CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE DRIVING FOR THE VISIT TO THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TOMORROW?
GOT IT

Excusez-moi
(EXCUSE ME)
clench
Oui, monsieur
(YES, SIR)
Sup laissez moi attendre dans l emplacement de rés dence officielle d'ambassadeur
(I'M FINE STAYING IN THE CAR, SO MAY I STAY WITHIN THE COMPOUND WHILE WAITING?)

I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO WAIT FOR ME
THEY WERE LAUGHING INSIDE AND SAYING THAT THIS WAS WHAT THE JAPANESE "TALE OF HACHIKOU" IS REFERRING TO
YOU LOOK PRETTY TIRED

DO YOU ALWAYS USE YOUR PERSONAL TIME TO COLLECT SUCH INFORMATION?
OF COURSE I'M TIRED, I HAD TO SIT THROUGH 3 HOURS OF HIS BOASTING ABOUT FRANCE
EVERY TIME I TRIED TO BRING UP JIP N AND ASK HIM ABOUT HIS OPINIONS, HE EVADED MY QUESTIONS, WHAT A WILY OLD FOX ...
WHY DO YOU SEEM A BIT TESTY TODAY?
I'VE HEARD
SURPRISED
SOME RUMORS ABOUT YOU

...
I SEE
THAT MINISTER YOSHINAGA USES HIS LOOKS AND BODY FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS
CRUDE RUMORS ALONG THESE LINES
ADDED TO THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW OF MY DEBAUCHERY,
YOU CAN'T KEEP SILENT ANYMORE

AREN'T YOU GOING TO DENY IT?
SO WHAT IF I DO? IT'S ALL UP TO WHETHER ONE BELIEVES IT OR NOT
THAT'S A REALLY CUNNING WAY OF SPEAKING
IT'S AS IF MY QUESTIONING YOU HAS TO DO WITH MY OWN PERSONALITY INSTEAD
LOOKS HUH
I DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE GAINED ANY ADVANTAGES FROM MY LOOKS AT THIS JOB AT ALL

NO MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT I PUT IN, THERE WILL STILL BE SOME WHO WRITE OFF MY SUCCESS AS MERELY A PRODUCT OF MY LOOKS
BECAUSE OF MY LOOKS, I'M BEING MADE LIGHT OF
TODAY, I'VE SEEN HOW YOU HAVE COMPLETELY WON OVER THE FRANCE AMBASSADOR AND HAD HIM EATING OUT OF YOUR HAND
BUT I'M NOT THE EASY TO CONVINCE
WHAT DO YOU WANT THEN? ACTUALLY, EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME

I WANT TO VERIFY IT!
YOU WON'T REFUSE, RIGHT?
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

creak
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW? TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES? I DON'T MIND, BUT
WHAT IF IT JUST HAPPENS THAT I DIDN'T DO IT WITH AMBASSADOR BRAN TODAY?
OR DO YOU PLAN TO STICK TO ME WHEREVER I GO FROM NOW ON?

I DON'T KNOW
EVEN IF I DISCOVER THE ANSWER . NO MATTER WHAT IT IS . I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EASE MYSELF STILL .
I FEEL SO FRUSTRATED!
I'VE CLEARLY SEEN YOUR DIPLOMATIC PROWESS AT THE MEAL YESTERDAY!
BUT NOW, I KNOW THAT YOU MIGHT BE BENEFITING BY USING THOSE DESPICABLE MEANS!

YOU'RE SUCH A BRUNCH OF CONTRADICTIONS ON ONE HAND, YOU HAVE PLENTY OF REASONS TO SUSPECT ME, YET ON THE OTHER, YOU STILL HOPE THAT I AM AS NOBLE AS YOU IMAGINED
YOU SUSPECT ME YET YOU WANT TO BELIEVE ME STILL? I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE THINKING THIS WAY...
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY BROTHER-IN-LAW SOON!
WOULD ANYONE DRAG THEIR BROTHER-IN-LAW INTO THEIR OWN ROOM AND DEMAND TO CHECK THEIR BODY?

SO HOW? SAY SOMETHING
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO DEGRADE THIS JOB
REASON NOT ACCEPTED A BRAT LIKE YOU WHO HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED ANYTHING TO YOUR COUNTRY HAS NO RIGHT TO SAY THAT TO ME
WHY DON'T YOU CALM DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT. ARE ALL THE AMBASSADORS FROM THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES GAY? CAN PERSONAL CONNECTIONS GAINED THAT WAY BE TRUSTED AND RESPECTED?
AND EVEN IF THAT'S REALLY HOW IT IS WHO ARE YOU TO INTERFERE IN MY AFFAIRS?

I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO BE UNFAITHFUL TO MY SISTER
THAT'S NOT AN ACCEPTABLE REASON TOO, AREN'T YOU SOMEONE WHO PUTS THE COUNTRY BEFORE PRIVATE MATTERS?
SO THEN, WHY WON'T YOU ACCEPT THE MEANS BY WHICH I GAIN BENEFITS FOR OUR COUNTRY?
WHY ARE YOU SO WORKED UP OVER THOSE LOW-CLASS RUMORS ABOUT ME?
YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND IT YOURSELF, AND YOU WANT TO COME AND GRILL ME ABOUT IT?

SO THAT'S
HOW IT IS

BY THE TIME I REALIZED
THAT HE HAD TURNED THE TABLES ON ME, I HAD ALREADY DONE SOMETHING IRREVERSIBLE

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TOMOHIRO-KUN, TILL WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO SIT THERE HUGGING YOUR HEAD?
Fumi
YOU SHOULD COMPLETE WHAT YOU ARE DOING PROPERLY
PLEASE KEEP QUIET!!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE DOING IT WITH A MAN, RIGHT... IT'S BETTER TO DO IT LIKE THIS, THEN
WAIT
THIS WAY, YOU WON'T STOP AND REGAIN YOUR SENSES UPON SEEING THE SAME THING THAT YOU HAVE ...

MOREOVER, YOU ALSO DON'T KNOW HOW TO PREPARE A MAN SO THAT HE CAN SWALLOW YOU IN, RIGHT?
haa
haa
grab

WAIT!
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY!
IT HURTS!
!!
creak
creak

PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ...
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKE YOU OR ANYTHING . .
AH, I SEE SO THAT WAS ALL JUST TO CHECK MY BODY?

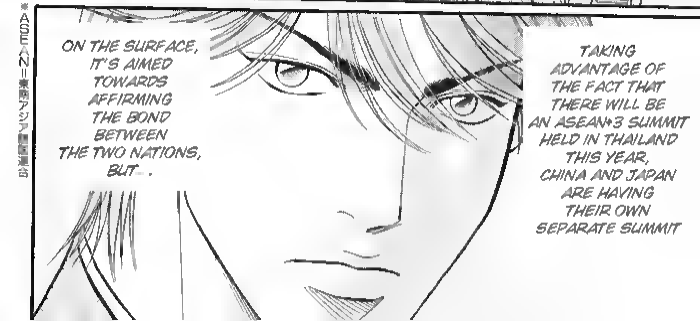
WELL, IF THAT'S ALL, I'LL BE GOING HOME THEN
AND? WHAT HAVE YOU MANAGED TO CHECK? YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TOUCHING ME WITH YOUR FINGERS
BUT, MINISTER, YOU SAID THAT IT HURT ....!

smirk
THAT MAY ALL BE JUST AN ACT, YOU KNOW?
IN ANY CASE, YOU'VE ALREADY SLEPT WITH ME, SO YOU HAVE NO REASON TO RESTRICT MY ACTIVITIES ANYMORE
YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT I DO ALREADY, RIGHT?

I'LL BORROW YOUR SHOWER FOR A BIT DRIVE ME HOME AFTER THAT PLEASE, TOMOHIRO
punch
DAMN IT ...!

UNTIL A FEW DECADES AGO, CHINA HAD BEEN CALLED THE "SLEEPING LION" DUE TO ITS HIGH POTENTIAL, IN TERMS OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES
AS ITS POLICIES EVOLVED AND THE COUNTRY STARTED OPENING UP, THE COUNTRY AWOKE AND WITH THAT POWER, IT'S NOW DEVELOPING AT AN EXPLOSIVE PACE

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, WHOM IT HAD HAVE A HISTORY OF DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS, ARE GOING NOWHERE BUT DOWNHILL STEADILY
TOGETHER WITH THAT IS AN INCREASING SENSE OF NATIONALISM


ON THE SURFACE, IT'S AIMED TOWARDS AFFIRMING THE BOND BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, BUT . .
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE AN ASEAN+3 SUMMIT HELD IN THAILAND THIS YEAR, CHINA AND JAPAN ARE HAVING THEIR OWN SEPARATE SUMMIT

AMBASSODOR OF CHINA FOR THAILAND : YANG QINGHAI
I HAVE BROUGHT THAT UP ALREADY, BUT I HAVE NOT HEARD THE FINAL DECISION FROM MY COUNTRY YET
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN FOR THAILAND : AOKI MINEO
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE GET DOWN TO THE DISCUSSION WITH REGARDS TO THE SUMMIT?
ESPECIALLY EVER SINCE YOUR PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO THE YASUKUNI SHRINE, THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY HAS TAKEN UP A STOUTLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPAN, SO IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT ..
TO THE PRO-CHINA AMBASSADOR AOKI, THIS SHOULD BE HIS ULTIMATE, ADVANTAGEOUS GROUND
HOWEVER, WE'RE COMPLETELY BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF ..
WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT MONEY
BUT, WE HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ODA*
WE CAN'T IGNORE THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE
*OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

THIS IS NOT AN EQUAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMBASSADORS AT ALL IT'S MORE LIKE HARD-SELLING ONE'S SUMMIT POSITION
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT JAPAN DOES NOT AGITATE OUR PEOPLE ANYMORE
I WON'T ASK FOR AN APOLOGY, BUT IF YOU CAN'T EVEN SHOW SUFFICIENT SINCERITY TO REFRAIN FROM THE VISITS, THEN IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE ANY PROGRESS
ALL RIGHT, I'LL BRING UP YOUR REQUEST TO OUR NATION AND WE'LL CONSIDER IT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HISTORY HAS PUT US AT A DISADVANTAGE,
THERE'S STILL A LITTLE MORE ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION . . !
THAT'S STUPID ACCEPTING THAT WITHOLT ANY PROTEST AT ALL . . . !!

IF ALL THAT IS DONE IS TO BRING BACK THE MESSAGE FROM THE OPPOSITE PARTY, A MESSENGER PIGEON WOULD BE SUFFICIENT ...!
THIS IS NOT A DIPLOMAT'S JOB AT ALL
"A BRAT LIKE YOU WHO HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED ANYTHING TO YOUR COUNTRY HAS NO RIGHT TO SAY THAT "
Clench
THAT'S RIGHT, MINISTER YOSHINAGA
THE ME WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AS A TRANSLATOR, IS SO UNNEEDED, I'M BENEATH A MESSENGER PIGEON, EVEN

WHAT IS A DIPLOMAT WHOSE JOB DOES NOT INVOLVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ..!!
OH, SHIRAISHI, WELCOME BACK
HOW WAS THINGS ON THE CHINA SIDE?
TERRIBLE
WHAT ABOUT SHINOZAKI-SENPAI? ARE YOU LEAVING NOW?
NO, NOT YET I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO, SO I'LL COME BACK AGAIN
I'M JUST DRIVING THE MINISTER OUT AS HE REQUESTED
step

WHAT, SHINOZAKI-KUN, YOU'RE STILL IN THE MIDST OF WORK?
Doki
WHAT ABOUT SHIRAISHI-KUN?
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY
NAH, I'D JUST STICK TO ASKING SHINOZAKI

EH?
SHIRAISHI-KUN,
YOU'RE
STILL HERE?

SHINOZAKI-SENPAI, WHERE DID YOU SEND MINISTER TO!? HOME?
EH? IT WAS A CLUB NEAR THE CHINA EMBASSY ... AH, IT'S CALLED "VICTORIA" IT SEEMS THAT HE'S TAKEN A LIKING TO THAT PLACE RECENTLY
CLUB!? FOR WORK?
NO WAY ... IT'S SAID THAT THAT CLUB RUNS "EXTRA SERVICES"* TOO ...
*PROSTITUTION
I WAS SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT THE MINISTER FOOLS AROUND LIKE A NORMAL MAN TOO, WITH THAT FACE OF HIS ..
EH, SHIROISHI-KUN!?
IT CAN'T BE ... BUT IF IT'S HIM, IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE
DOES HE PLAN TO GO BACK TO DOING THAT, NOW THAT I'M SILENCED!?

WHO WILL HE SHOW ...
IF HE DIDN'T HAVE A GUILTY CONSCIENCE, HE WOULD HAVE LET ME DROVE HIM INSTEAD
HIMSELF TO, IN THAT STATE, THIS TIME?
HE'S NOT THE TYPE THAT WILL HOLD BACK AND DO AS I ASK FOR THE SAKE OF MY SISTER!
MINISTER YOSHINAGA!!

ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SAY THAT THEY ARE FEW, BUT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT EVERYONE
WHEN IT COMES TO HUMANS, A PERSON ONLY MAKES A LOT OF NOISE WHEN IT'S SOMETHING THEY ARE ANGRY OVER OTHERWISE THEY ARE CALM AND SOFT
ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS? OH, NO, THAT IS JUST AN EXTREME EXPRESSION BY A PORTION OF THE PEOPLE
I DON'T THINK THOSE SMALL VOICES HAVE SPREAD OVERSEAS YET, RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I THINK. AT LEAST, MY OWN IS A VOICE OF CALM
AAH, SHH, LATER
AH, SIR, YOU'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT SUCH DIFFICULT TOPICS
COME TO THINK OF IT, I OFTEN SEE YOU HERE DO YOU WORK AT A COMPANY NEARBY?
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT

NO... BUT, TO REVEAL ONE'S TRUE IDENTITY AT SUCH A PLACE IS INELEGANT, ISN'T IT?
he he he
MINISTER YOSHINAGA!!
YOU ARE ... THE ONE AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ...
AMBAS-SADOR YANG?
TOMOHIRO -KUN ...

MINISTER
...
WHAT IS THIS?
...
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU ARE A DIPLOMAT FROM JAPAN?
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU THE TRUTH TILL NOW
I AM THE SPECIAL MINISTER FROM JAPAN, YOSHINAGA KOUSHI

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT
I'LL GO TO THE EMBASSY LATER AND LODGE A HEAVY COMPLAINT AGAINST YOU!!
DON'T TELL ME THIS WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE! YOU JAPANESE ARE INDEED GOOD AT SUBTERFUGE!
I WAS TRICKED!
I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING HIDDEN MY TRUE IDENTITY FROM YOU, BUT I WANTED TO KNOW YOUR OWN OPINION NOT IN THE CAPACITY OF A DIPLOMAT, BUT ON A PERSONAL BASIS
I JUST HOPE THAT WHAT YOU SAID IS YOUR TRUE THOUGHTS
OF COURSE, WHAT I HAD SAID IS ALL MY OWN PERSONAL OPINIONS, IT IS NOT MY COUNTRY'S OFFICIAL STANCE!

HE'S GOOD
BUT, AT THE VERY LEAST, AMBASSADOR YANG TOO THINKS THAT IT'S NECESSARY FOR CHINA AND JAPAN TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS
I SEE, SO YOU'RE JUST SEALING YOUR OWN FEELINGS AND ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR NATION, RIGHT?
WHILE GIVING THE OTHER PARTY FACE, HE'S SOLIDIFYING HIS OWN POSITION
BUT WITHOUT KNOWING MY TRUE IDENTITY, YOU HAD BEEN FRIENDLY TO ME A MERE JAPANESE PERSON, ON A PERSONAL BASIS BUT WHEN IT COMES TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, YOU PURPOSELY OPEN A GULF BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. IS THAT REALLY ALRIGHT?
OF COURSE, INDEED UNFORTUNATE EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST, AND THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT EITHER
HOWEVER, STOPPING OUR TALKS BECAUSE OF THIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL ONLY DEEPEN THE GULF BETWEEN US IF THAT HAPPENS, MORE UNFORTUNATE EVENTS MAY HAPPEN INSTEAD

OUR JOB AS A DIPLOMAT IN THE FIRST PLACE IS NOT TO USE WORDS TO FIGHT, BUT TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
USING THOSE WORDS, OUR PREDECESSORS HAD NORMALIZED THE SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, AND TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THAT IS OUR MISSION
WE WILL DEFINITELY REQUIRE AMBASSADOR YANG, YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE SUMMIT TALKS
SHITAISHI-KUN, PLEASE TRANSLATE THAT FOR ME

AAH .!!
"WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE SUMMIT TALKS"
SAYING JUST THE CORE WORDS IN THE OTHER PARTY'S OWN LANGUAGE

AFTER THAT BOLD ACTION OF HIS HE ACTUALLY PULLED IT OFF SUCCESSFULLY
YOUR CAR?
THIS MAN ... HE WILL SOON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IT WON'T HURT TO HAVE HIM OWE ONESELF A DEBT OF GRATITUDE
AH, IT'S PARKED OUT IN THE BACK WITH THE METER PICKING ..
GOOD, LET'S GO
NOW THAT I'VE CLEARED UP THIS HANGING BUSINESS, I'M IN A GOOD MOOD
BUT THE WAY YOU DID IT IS VERY DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT? IF IT DIDN'T GO WELL ...
IN THIS WORLD, MANY THINK THAT THEY KNOW A PERSON FROM THE FIRST MEETING, JUST BASED ON THEIR NAME, AND BY THEM IT WOULD BE TOO LATE, IF HE THOUGHT THAT I WAS INSIGNIFICANT, I WOULD HAVE ALL THE TIME I NEED TO FIND THE NECESSARY INFORMATION

IF I HAD NOT MOVED IN THE DARK, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOSS OF FACE FOR THE PRO-CHINA AMBASSADOR AOKI
...
SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO THAT
PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO THE OTHERS TOO
ON HIS END, AMBASSADOR YANG WOULD NOT TELL OTHERS INFORMATION THAT WILL PUT HIMSELF AT A DISADVANTAGE EITHER.
EH!?
BUT IT'S YOUR ACHIEVEMENT
...
IT DOESN'T MATTER
MY TARGET, FROM THE BEGINNING WAS TO GET A CHANCE TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR YANG
AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED TODAY,
AS LONG AS IT EXISTS AS KNOWLEDGE WITHIN ME AND AMBASSADOR YANG,
IT WOULD BECOME A POWER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US
THERE'S NO NEED TO STATE IT CLEARLY
SORRY
ALL YOUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WERE DESTROYED BY ME
AAH

NO, YOUR TURNING UP SAVED ME THERE WAS A LIMIT TO MY INTERACTING WITH HIM UNDER COVER
EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT HIS COUNTERPART, I'LL STILL DEFINITELY SEE HIM AT THE ASEAN SUMMIT
WHAT IF I DIDN'T COME, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE!?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, IF YOU DIDN'T COME, I WOULD THINK OF ANOTHER WAY
IF YOU HAD CAME, I WOULD HAVE KNOWN YOUR FEELINGS, AND IF YOU DID, YOUR HONEST, BEWILDERED REACTIONS WOULD HAVE MADE MY SOLO ACTIONS LEAVE A DEEPER IMPACT ON AMBASSADOR YANG
DON'T TELL ME THAT ... YOU HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT I WOULD COME, RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!?
THAT'S WHY YOU PURPOSELY ASKED SHINOZAKI-SENPAI TO DRIVE YOU HERE, IN FRONT OF ME ....!!
YUP, PRECISELY

SHOULD I CALL HIM INTELLIGENT, OR REALLY ILL-NATURED?
IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS MAKING USE OF MY KNOWN IDENTITY, AND VERIFYING MY FEELINGS...?
WHETHER I COME OR NOT DOES NOT MATTER .. HE WAS DRAWING OUT MY FEELINGS WITH SUCH A FLIPPANT ATTITUDE !!
BUT, TO SAY THAT I WASN'T HAPPY DUE TO YOUR COMING WOULD BE A LIE
EH...!

SHINOZAKI-SAN WHO SENT ME HERE HAS LEFT, SO I WAS TROUBLED OVER HOW I'LL GO BACK ...
TAXI DRIVERS HERE ARE TOO RECKLESS, SO I DON'T LIKE TO RIDE THEM
AH ...
smile
WERE YOU HOPING THAT I'LL SAY SOMETHING NICE? TOO BAD
THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR SAYING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ME, AFTER GOING BERSERK ON TOP OF ME ...

EVEN IF I SAY I DID ..
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WILL COME OF IT, RIGHT ..?
THAT'S WHY, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T SAY IT . YOU UNDERSTOOD IT TOO, RIGHT ?
"GOT IT WE'LL DEFINITELY WELCOME THAT"
"WE'RE CONTACT YOU AGAIN ONCE THE DATE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THANK YOU"

AS LONG AS THE FEELINGS EXISTED WITHIN US, IT WOULD BECOME A POWER RELATIONSHIP
WE DID IT!
IT LOOKS LIKE CHINA HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT TO OPEN UP TALKS WITH US AT THE SUMMIT!
Oooh
EVEN IF
IT'S NOT SAID ALOUD
...

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MINISTER... !
THAT IS ...
STILL IT'S JUST A POSSIBILITY

COULD YOU PLEASE LOCK ME UP SOMEWHERE ...
EH?
...
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT IT'S MERELY A "POSSIBILITY" ... I'M SO HAPPY THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO GO CRAZY ..

EH!?
THEN, I WILL DO SO
THE OTHER DAY, WHEN YOU ASKED TO MEET ME, YOU HAD BOOKED A ROOM FOR ME, RIGHT?
ROOM ...
DON'T TELL ME, IN THIS HOTEL!? BUT, SIS IS LIVING HERE TOO!

IT'S NOT AS IF I'M ASKING YOU TO DO IT ON THE SAME BED AS HER WHAT ARE YOU SO SCARED FOR?
IF AT THIS JUNCTURE, YOU'RE GOING TO SAY ANYTHING LIKE YOU'RE LETTING MICHIKO-SAN DOWN, THEN DON'T COME
HE'S TESTING ME, TO SEE IF I CAN WITHSTAND HIS PRESENTING ALL THE STARK FACTS OF REALITY TO ME ...?
EVEN PREPARING A ROOM ....
HOW CRUEL ...

HE KNOWS VERY WELL THAT NOW,
EVEN THAT CRUELTY DOES NOTHING BUT CAPTIVATE ME ....

WHAT'S THE MATTER ..
YOU'RE SUDDENLY SO DARING ... HAS EVEN THAT TINY AMOUNT OF GUILT BEEN NUMBED?

I DO INDEED PREFER TO DO IT SLOWLY ON THE BED, BUT I'M WORKING HARD TO APPEAL TO YOUR PREFERENCES
YOU LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
SEX THAT IS MORE THRILLING
IT'S NOT BAD
YOU'RE GETTING ME EXCITED

SHIRAISHI ..
NN... HA...AH!
TOMOHIRO ...!
AAH...!

MINISTER
NN

MINISTER
THAT DAY
...
IF YOU HAD COME, THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU
thrust
"
"
NN
...
WHAT IS IT
...
...
AH
...
THAT TIME
...
WHEN YOU FELL APART
...
DURING THOSE TIMES,
twitch

NO MATTER HOW FAR AWAY IT MAY BE ... I'LL DEFINITELY BE BY YOUR SIDE
I'LL DEFINITELY NOT LET YOU BE ALONE
NO MATTER WHERE IN THE WORLD I AM, FROM NOW ON, I WILL COME FOR YOU
EVEN IF I'M SENT TO WORK IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY FROM YOURS

I PROMISE
thrust
shiver
AH...NN
thrust
NN...AH
AH....!
thrust
THAT'S A VERY ATTRACTIVE PROPOSAL ....! I WANT A SEAL OF THAT PROMISE ....

HERE
...
BUT SIS
WILL SEE IT
THIS SPOT
WON'T BE SEEN
IF I DON'T
TAKE OFF
MY CLOTHES
IN FRONT OF
MICHIKO-SAN
....

TOMOHIRO
YES
NO MATTER WHAT CARD YOU CHOOSE TO USE, IT'S ALRIGHT IT'S ALL UP TO YOUR DECISION
MINISTER!?

dat'or
THAT'S RIGHT, ACTUALLY I STAYED IN THIS HOTEL, BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU STAYING HERE BY YOURSELF
...HMM? THE SAME SUIT AS YESTERDAY ... DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU DIDN'T GO HOME...?
opens
MINIS...
THE NEXT DOOR ...!?
TOMOHIRO-KUN?

YOU STAYED HERE WITH TOMOHIRO-KUN? YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME, THAT WAY I WON'T HAVE BEEN SO LONELY LAST NIGHT ...
SORRY, IT OCCURRED ONLY LATE TO ME YESTERDAY, SO .
THEN, WHAT ABOUT TODAY? WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO KEEP ME COMPANY?
AAH, I'LL HAVE TO SHOW MY FACE AT THE EMBASSY FOR A BIT, BUT I'LL COME BACK AFTER THAT
AH, THEN WE CAN'T HAVE BREAKFAST TOGETHER ...
SORRY, BUT I'LL LEAVE TOMOHIRO-KUN HERE, SO YOU CAN EAT WITH HIM WHILE WAITING FOR ME TO COME BACK
TOMOHIRO-KUN MUST HAVE MANY THINGS THAT YOU WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT TO YOUR SISTER ALONE TOO, MICHIKO-SAN'S RIGHT? SURNAME IS ABOUT TO CHANGE SOON, SO THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME YOU ARE ABLE TO SPEAK TO HER AS SIBLINGS OF THE SURNAME

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE ...
IT'S SO HOT EARLY IN THE MORNING ALREADY .. AND SO HUMID TOO
LAST CHANCE...??

EVEN THOUGH HE SAID SO... BUT HIS SECRETS ALL WEIGH A TON ...
IF I MOVED RECKLESSLY, IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF HIS SEPARATING FROM MY SISTER, HE WILL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED...
BOTH YOSHINAGA-SAN AND TOMOHIRO-SAN ARE DOING VERY WELL, I SEE ...
AND, WHY DOES THIS PLACE HAVE SO MANY MOSQUITOES!
NO MATTER WHAT CARD YOU CHOOSE TO USE, IT'S ALRIGHT
SEE!? WE'VE JUST STARTED EATING, AND I'VE ALREADY BEEN BITTEN SO MANY TIMES!
BREAKING SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE TO HAND IT OVER TO ANYONE ELSE, IS SHEER IDIOCY
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE
DOES HE THINK THAT I WANT HIM TO BE MINE SO BADLY THAT I'LL DESTROY HIM TO DO IT?
realise
WHAT IS HE UP TO AGAIN THIS TIME
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO EAT OUTSIDE
BECAUSE YOU KEEP SAYING SUCH NEGATIVE THINGS, THAT'S WHY THE MINISTER DOESN'T ASK YOU TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY, ISN'T IT?

OH NO ...
SORRY, SIS!
I SAID SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T, IN MY DISTRACTION ...
I FELT AS IF MY STATIONED COUNTRY IS SPOKEN BADLY OF, SO UNKNOWINGLY ...
THAT'S RIGHT.... DIPLOMATS MOSTLY DO FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THE COUNTRIES THEY ARE STATIONED IN ... IT MIGHT BE THE SAME FOR KOUSHI-SAN .. I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND
SIS ...
SIS, WHO ALWAYS USED TO OPPOSE WHATEVER I SAY ON INSTINCT- ...
HMM?

YOU REALLY LIKE THE MINISTER, RIGHT ...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SIS BEING THIS CUTE...
YOU MEAN, DESPITE THIS BEING A MARRIAGE FOR HIS CAREER? I KNOW VERY WELL THAT KOUSHI-SAN DECIDED THIS MARRIAGE NOT BASED ON ME, BUT ON MY FATHER
WHAT'S THAT FOR, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
BUT THE OUTCOME IS GOOD I'M THE ONE WHO IS ABLE TO BECOME HIS WIFE, NOT ANYONE ELSE
THE ONE WHO CAUSED THIS IS THE MINISTER ....

HE GAINED SOCIAL STATUS BY HAVING SIS,
AND SO, HE HAD BOTH SISTER AND BROTHER IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND
AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT BY HAVING ME ....
AND AS OUR REWARDS, HE GAVE SIS THE POSITION OF BEING HIS WIFE, AND ME, THE POWER TO DESTROY HIM
NONE ...
THAT MUST BE HOW IT IS ... THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WOULD CANCEL THE MARRIAGE WITH SIS FOR MY SAKE IS

THIS SPOT WON'T BE SEEN IF I DON'T TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES ...
I THOUGHT THAT HE HAD DONE THAT JUST TO GAUGE MY DESIRE TO MONOPOLIZE HIM ...!
DON'T TELL ME HE PURPOSELY CHOSE THAT SPOT SO THAT HE CAN STIR UP SIS'S SUSPICIONS?

"ONCE I GET MARRIED, IT WOULD BE TOO LATE ... IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT, THEN THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO TURN BACK ..."
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-tsuuu-
MINISTER .. ARE YOU SERIOUS ...!?
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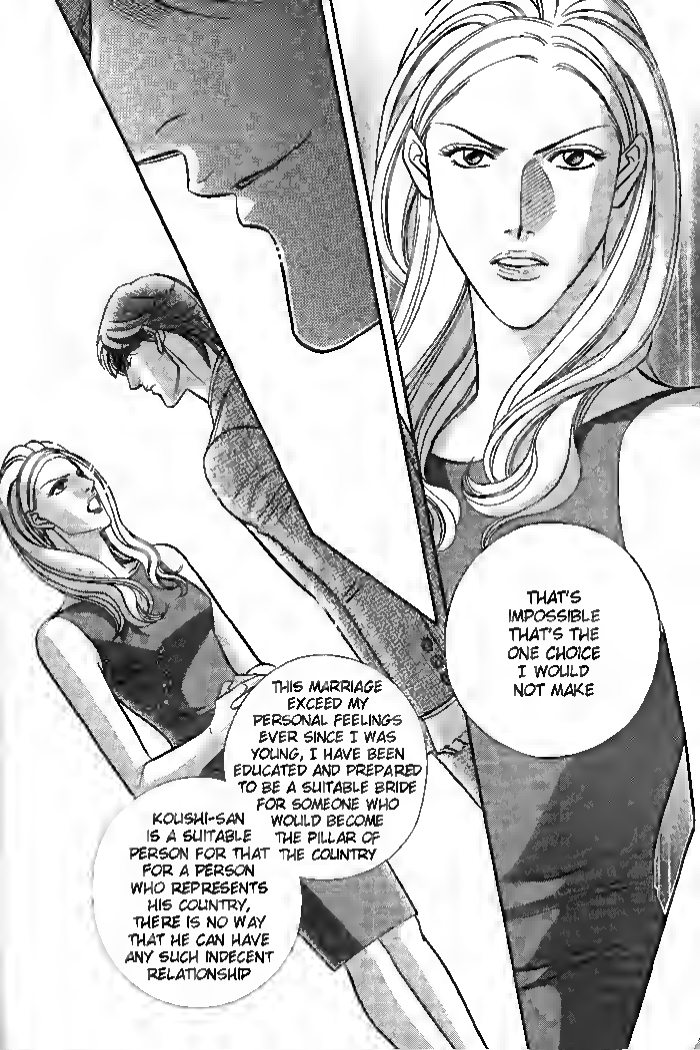
SIS .. WAIT A WHILE BEFORE GOING IN THE MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HERE SOON
TOMOHIRO-SAN
HMM?
BE HONEST WITH ME ... I DON'T REALLY THINK IT CAN BE TRUE, BUT
tense

KOUSHI-SAN
...
DOES HE
...
HAVE ANOTHER WOMAN HERE BESIDES ME?
BUT IN THIS CASE
...
...
I SEE
...
EH
.....
THAT WOULD BE WHAT OTHERS NORMALLY THINK
...
THERE IS

MINISTER
...
NO MATTER
HOW
TOMOHIRO-
SAN
..
IS THAT
TRUE?
ONE IS
ASKED
..
...
IF I
SAID THAT,
WHAT
WOULD
YOU DO?

THE MINISTER IS SUCH AN ELIGIBLE MAN, SO I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR INSECURITY OVER BEING SEPARATED FROM HIM, BUT
BEING SUSPECTED BY YOU FOR NO GOOD REASON ... HE'S PRETTY PITIFUL
THAT'S CRUEL OF YOU, TOMOHIRO-SAN!! YOU WERE PUTTING ME ON!? DON'T GIVE ME SUCH A SHOCK!
AND IN ANY CASE
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO SUSPECT HIM AT ALL ... THERE'S WHAT LOOKS LIKE A HICKY ON HIS CHEST ...
SO, EVEN IF THAT WAS THE CASE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? CRY YOURSELF TO SLEEP? OR CANCEL THE MARRIAGE?
CANCEL ...


THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT'S THE ONE CHOICE I WOULD NOT MAKE
THIS MARRIAGE EXCEED MY PERSONAL FEELINGS EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG, I HAVE BEEN EDUCATED AND PREPARED TO BE A SUITABLE BRIDE FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BECOME THE PILLAR OF THE COUNTRY
KOUSHI-SAN IS A SUITABLE PERSON FOR THAT FOR A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS HIS COUNTRY, THERE IS NO WAY THAT HE CAN HAVE ANY SUCH INDECENT RELATIONSHIP

SO YOU THINK THAT THE MINISTER IS SUCH A FOOLISH PERSON WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT?
I DIDN'T .. AH ...!
IT SEEMS THAT YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD
AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF ANY WOMEN AROUND THE MINISTER
AND IN ANY CASE, IF THE MINISTER WAS REALLY FLIRTING AROUND OUTSIDE, HE WON'T DO SLIP-UP ENOUGH SUCH THAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD COME TO KNOW OF IT
THEN, WHAT ABOUT THAT MARK!?

A MOSQUITO, ISN'T IT?
YOU'VE SAID IT YOURSELF, THERE'S MANY OF THEM IN THIS COUNTRY
IF YOU THINK THAT THE MINISTER'S SO PERFECT THAT HE CAN'T EVEN BE STUNG BY A MOSQUITO, THEN GO QUESTION HIM YOURSELF DIRECTLY
...
THAT'S RIGHT

IF IT WAS ANYTHING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT, HE WOULD HAVE HIDDEN IT INSTEAD —.
IF YOU THINK LOGICALLY ABOUT IT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ANSWER STRAIGHTAWAY IF IT WAS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SO IMMEDIATELY TOO.
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE MINISTER, IT SEEMS THAT YOUR COMMON SENSES FLIES RIGHT OUT THE WINDOW. BUT WELL, THAT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE YOU RE NOT MARRIED YET

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AIRPORT
I WOULD CONGRATULATE YOU FOR BEING A GOOD ACTOR, BUT IN THE LONG RUN, THIS WOULD BE THE WORST SETUP ONE CAN VISUALIZE
YOU MIGHT HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR SISTER CRYING BECAUSE OF YOU, BUT THE LONGER THE BETRAYAL, THE MORE IT IS GOING TO PAIN HER
LIKE WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THAT I WOULD BE STATIONED IN THE SAME COUNTRY AS YOU ON OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT
. . . I'M NOT SO NOBLE . . . IN FACT, IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE

IRONICALLY, THE ONE SISTER THAT I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE AS MY RIVAL, IS ALSO THE PERSON THAT I MOST TRUST
IN THE TIMES WHERE I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE WITH YOU, I WANT MY SISTER, WHOM I'VE KNOWN SINCE YOUNG, TO BE THE ONE SUPPORTING YOU
MOREOVER, MARRIAGE IS NOT A PROBLEM FOR JUST YOU FOR MAN, TO GAIN CREDIBILITY IN THIS SOCIETY, IT IS AN AVOID-ABLE PATH
ONE DAY, I WILL HAVE TO GET MARRIED TOO, RIGHT? IT'S NOT AS IF AS LONG AS SIS IS OUT OF THE PICTURE, NO ONE ELSE WOULD BE BETRAYED

IT'S GOING TO BE A RELATIONSHIP THAT CAN'T BE KNOWN BY OTHERS IN ANY CASE,
A RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD NEVER BE APPROVED BY OR BLESSED BY THE PEOPLE AROUND US
THE MORE THAT HINGE UPON KEEPING IT A SECRET, THE BETTER
ASSUMING THAT YOUR HEART DOESN'T CHANGE ... THAT'S A HEAVY RESOLUTION THAT YOU'VE CAME TO
PLEASE DON'T FEIGN INNOCENCE ALREADY YOU HAD ASKED ME TO LEAVE THAT MARK AS A MEANS OF TESTING MY RESOLVE
IF I HAD RECKLESSLY HURT YOUR FUTURE, THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO FUTURE FOR US

YOUR DEADLIEST WEAPON IS THAT SINCERE-LOOKING SMILE
THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU CAN TRUST IN ME ALREADY MY FEELINGS ARE NOT JUST FOR NOW
I ALMOST INADVERTENTLY BELIEVED THE LIES THAT FLOWED SO SMOOTHLY FROM THAT MOUTH OF YOURS A MOMENT AGO

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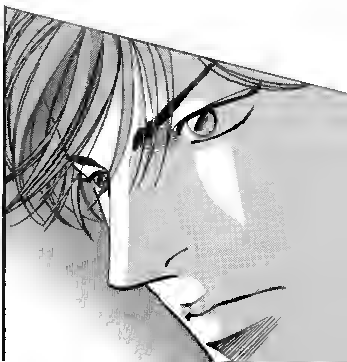

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A DIPLOMAT'S POSITION AT ANOTHER COUNTRY LASTS AROUND 2-3 YEARS
I'VE TRAVELED TO MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
AND MEET MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
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knock
THIS IS ONE SUCH STORY

open
MINISTER YOSHINAGA, MY NAME IS SHIRAISHI TOMOHIRO AND I'VE COME TO REPORT MY ARRIVAL
THIS IS THE MAN I'VE BEEN LONGING FOR...
HELLO, TOMOHIRO-KUN
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE TO ASK FOR YOU SISTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE
公使閣下の秘密外交
YOUKA NITTA
新田祐克

YES, MY FATHER TOLD ME TO WISH YOU WELL AND MY SISTER CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU.
I HOPE HE HASN'T BEEN TIRING HIMSELF OUT SINCE HE'S BEEN APPOINTED AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
AND YOUR FATHER... HOW IS AMBASSADOR SHIRAISHI DOING?
MINISTER KOUSHI YOSHINAGA IS MY SISTER'S FIANCE.
THE NEXT TIME MY POST CHANGES I'LL GO AND VISIT WITH HER
MICHIKO-SAN WOULD PROBABLY LIKE AMERICA BETTER THAN THIS COUNTRY
HE'S FAVORED BY THE HIGHER POLITICIANS AND IS THE MOST SOUGHT OUT MAN THEY WANT TO INCORPORATE INTO THEIR FAMILY
THE GOVERNMENT PRAISED HIS INTELLIGENCE AND PROMOTED HIM TO MINISTER AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, SIR.
OF COURSE, BY MARRYING INTO MY FATHER'S FAMILY, HIS FUTURE AS A POLITICIAN IS LIMITLESS.
YOUR FIRST POST IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY
YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR FATHER TO TRANSFER YOU TO ANOTHER POST
STAYING HERE TOO LONG COULD HURT THE REST OF YOUR CAREER.

I TAKE PRIDE IN MY JOB WHETHER IT BE IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY OR NOT
I DIDN'T CHOOSE THIS PATH SO I CAN DEPEND ON MY FATHER
PLEASE DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A SPOILED KID!!
NOW THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THIS COUNTRY.
HE MIGHT BE INTELLIGENT, BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE HIM!
ATES UP FRONT

SO YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AT HEADQUARTERS FOR A LONG TIME?
YEAH, AND I FINALLY GOT MY WISH TO WORK OVERSEAS.
BUT I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO ASK US OUT FOR A DRINK ON THE FIRST DAY!
NO OFFENSE BUT MOST OF THE ELITES DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO US
I AGREE COMPLETELY THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE WHO WOULD SAY THAT
YOU GUYS KNOW MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COUNTRY THAN THE ELITES
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO WORK TOGETHER SO WE MAXIMIZE OUR KNOWLEDGE

EH ?
MINISTER YOSHINAGA?!
HE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFEREN BUT THERE'S NO MISTAKE
WHAT THE?!

BATTLE
SORRY! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I'LL ARRANGE SOMETHING AGAIN SOON!!
HAA
SHIRAISHI-SAN?
WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?!
shove
AS A MINISTER OF JAPAN, HE SHOULDN'T BE MESSING AROUND IN PUBLIC WITH A GUY!
MINISTER YOSHINAGA!!

TOMOHIRO-KUN...!!
IT'S SO CLEAN IN HERE. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU JUST MOVED IN

YES I PURPOSELY LOOKED FOR A FURNISHED APARTMENT SO—
WAIT, STOP CHANGING THE SUBJECT!!
creak
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL YOUR FATHER?
WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?!
YOUR COLLEAGUES COULD HAVE SEEN YOU, AND THEN YOUR CAREER AS WELL AS OUR FAMILY'S REPUTATION WOULD'VE BEEN RUINED!
I'M NOT GOING TO TELL MY FATHER! ANYWAYS, I DON'T WANT TO UPSET MY SISTER

creak
YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR SISTER A LOT
THAT CARE YOU HAVE FOR YOU SISTER
IS IT STILL GOING TO LET A GAY GUY MARRY HER?
IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY HERE AND YOU ALREADY SOUND LIKE A DIPLOMAT
THE GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY BEFORE YOURSELF HOW HONORABLE
Thump
THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, MINISTER
IF YOU PROMISE TO NEVER DO SUCH A STUPID THING AGAIN, I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT

OUR CONTRY IS ABLE TO GIVE EVEN THE NEWEST DIPLOMATS A LUXURIOUS LIFE.
IT'S STUPID OF ME TO RISK MY CAREER AND POSITION FOR A MOMENT OF PLEASURE.
BUT FOR SOME STRANGE REASON I WANT TO PUT MYSELF IN A RISKY SITUATION. IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO RUIN THE LIFE I HAVE NOW,
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING IN ME THAT WANTS THE REPUTATION AS WELL AS THE RISK. I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'M SICK OF JUST WORKING FOR PROMOTIONS

I THINK YOU JUST WANT TO PLACE YOURSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE YOUR SKIN TINGLES AND YOUR ADRENALINE STARTS TO FLOW.
I DON'T THINK IT'S THE PROMOTIONS YOU'RE JUST SEARCHING FOR THRILL
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN A COUNTRY LIKE THIS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS STABLE. YOU WOULD RATHER WORK IN A COUNTRY WHERE YOU CAN INFLUENCE THEIR POLICIES WITH YOUR SINGLE WORD.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THAT AS A DESIRE TO SUCCEED IN YOUR CAREER, BUT YOU'RE JUST PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR JOB.
IF YOU DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU JUST ORGANIZE YOUR FEELINGS THAT WAY.

creak
I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET A LECTURE FROM A DIPLOMAT ON HIS FIRST DAY...
I GUESS YOUR FATHER'S TALENTED IN HIS SKILLS AS A TEACHER AS WELL AS HIS SKILL IN BEING AN AMBASSADOR

I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE AND STOP ACTING STUPID
BUT SINCE I'VE DECIDED THAT I CAN'T HAVE YOU TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT TONIGHT

DIPLOMACY IS LIKE PLAYING POKER.
YOU FIGURE OUT YOUR OPPONENT'S HAND,
I'LL JUST HAVE MY FUTURE BROTHER KEEP A LITTLE SECRET
AND USE IT TO YOUR OWN ADVANTAGE.
FLICK

TO KNOW WHEN TO FOLD YOUR HAND.
AND WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME,
THAT IT CAN BE USED TO IT'S FULL EXTENT.
TO BE CONTINUED

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SIS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT MINISTER YOSHINAGA FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS, IT'S NOTHING SURPRISING SINCE HE'S ON HIS ANNUAL LONG VACATION NOW
ISN'T HE OFF TRAVELING? GONE SOMEWHERE WHERE ALL NOISE CAN'T REACH HIM AND HE CAN FORGET THE NORMAL HECTIC WORK, IN ORDER TO RELAX ..?
"NOISE" .. TOMOHIRO-SAN! I DON'T THINK KOUSHI-SAN IS THE TYPE THAT WOULD PLACE HIMSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE NO ONE CAN REACH HIM, IN CASES OF EMERGENCY
WHAT IF HE'S SICK AND COLLAPSED!? IT'S TOO HEARTLESS OF YOU TO IGNORE THAT POSSIBILITY TOTALLY!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT! I'LL GO BY HIS APARTMENT AFTER WORK THIS EVENING! BUT IF HE'S OUT, THEN THAT'S THE END OF IT, JUST GIVE UP, OKAY?

"I DON'T THINK KOUSHI-SAN IS THE TYPE THAT WOULD PLACE HIMSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE NO ONE CAN REACH HIM, IN CASES OF EMERGENCY!"
beep
INDEED, IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE...
BUT INDEED, NO ONE CAN MATCH FEMALES WHEN IT COMES TO CARE AND CONSIDERATION...

LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE COULD YOU PLEASE UNLOCK THE DOOR FOR ME?
OKAY
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MINISTER!!

TOMOHIRO-KUN? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SORRY TO COME HERE SO SUDDENLY
SO YOU'RE INDEED ILL
SIS WAS WORRIED TOO BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T CONTACT YOU, SO...

MINISTER!?
SORRY
...
I CAN'T STAND
HAVING ANYTHING
CONFINING AROUND ME
AT THIS TIME
...
AT THIS TIME
...?

THIS OCCURS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, EVERY YEAR WITHOUT FAIL... MY HEAD AND BODY ...BOTH REFUSES TO LISTEN TO MY COMMANDS
...
WHAT SORT OF COINCIDENCE IS THIS...I KEEP BEING SEEN BY YOU AT TIMES WHEN I DON'T WANT TO BE
...
...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAVE YOU GONE TO A DOCTOR? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN TOO STRESSED
...

NOT SEE ANYONE? WHAT ABOUT YOUR MEALS THEN?
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE RECORDS OF HAVING GONE TO A PSYCHIATRIST .. IT'S ALRIGHT I KNOW THE REASON FOR THIS I'LL JUST NOT SEE ANYONE ...IT'LL BE OVER IN ABOUT 10 DAYS

I'VE BOUGHT A WHOLE LOT OF CHOCOLATES ... AS LONG AS MY BRAINS DON'T SUFFER ANY DAMAGE ...
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM
... IS THIS REALLY MINISTER?
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH IN HIS EYES AT ALL ...

THE MINISTER THAT HAS BOTH BEAUTY THAT IS ENVIED BY EVERYONE, AND THE BRAINS TO MATCH WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE MADE HIM SO UNEASY ..?
OR IS THAT THE PRICE FOR HAVING EVERYTHING ..
AS IF SAYING THAT THERE'S ONLY A FINE LINE BETWEEN ONE WHO'S A GENIUS AND ONE WHO'S NOT ..

rustle
rustle
rustle
"PLEASE EAT ME ..."
"HOUSE!! ... HERE."
rustle

"PAPA ....!!
THUNK!

HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF AT ALL
I CAN'T BE UNCONCERNED ABOUT HIM WHEN HE'S LIKE THIS
OH ..CH!

DID I WAKE YOU UP? SORRY, I MADE TOO MUCH NOISE
I'VE BOUGHT SOME LIGHT FOOD, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME? EATING ONLY CHOCOLATES IS BAD FOR HEALTH
MINISTER?
MINISTER!?
MINISTER!
MINISTER!!

NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS, THIS IS DEFINITELY ABNORMAL
"I CAN'T STAND HAVING ANYTHING CONFINING AROUND ME"
COME ON, GET YOURSELF TOGETHER, MINISTER!!
"THIS OCCURS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, EVERY YEAR WITHOUT FAIL"
EVEN IF HE KNOWS THE REASON, IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET IT STAY LIKE THIS?
IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, HE HAD ARRANGED FOR HIS LEAVE PERIOD TO MATCH IT
IN THIS STATE, EVEN HIS EVERYDAY LIFE TASKS ARE AFFECTED, THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN WORK
LIFE

DON'T TELL ME THAT...
WHAT, TOMOHIRO-KUN, YOU'RE STILL HERE?
WHAT...? YOU PLAN TO ATTACK THE ILL ME WHILE I'M IN MY SLEEP?
YOU'RE LESS OF A GENTLEMAN THAN I THOUGHT THIS IS UNEXPECTED

NO MATTER HOW ILL YOU ARE, YOU WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO HAVE SEX WITH ME, RIGHT? BECAUSE MY EXISTENCE IS INDISPENSIBLE TO YOU FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE
I SHOULD HAVE REALISED IT EARLIER ON EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR THRILLS, GETTING THIS CLOSE TO THE ME WHO'S GOING TO BE YOUR FUTURE-BROTHER-IN-LAW IS STILL TOO RISKY
YOU ARE THE TYPE THAT PLANS FOR THE FUTURE CAREFULLY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT YOU WOULD CHOOSE ME ON A WHIM

I HAD BEEN THINKING THAT IT'S STRANGE FOR A SHREWD PERSON LIKE YOU TO HAVE AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARREER ADVANCEMENT!
YOU WERE JUST LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO COVER UP THIS CONDITION OF YOURS, RIGHT!! AS LONG AS SOMEONE CAN STAY WITH YOU, IT'S FINE, RIGHT!?
AND IF THIS PERSON IS IN LOVE WITH YOU, ALL THE MORE HE WOULD BE DEDICATED TO COVERING UP FOR YOU! THAT'S WHY YOU SEDUCED ME!!
THE LIGHT IN HIS EYES
HAVE RETURN . .

YOU'RE UNDERRATING ME PRETTY MUCH, HUH.. HOW CAN I HAVE ANY FREEDOM IN THAT CASE –.?
THIS CONDITION IS A RESULT OF SOME CHILDHOOD TRAUMA NO MATTER HOW BAD IT LOOKS, IT'S STILL NOT SOMETHING THAT I HAVE TO HIDE AT ALL COSTS
IF YOU HAD HOPED THAT I'LL CLING TO YOU AND DO STUPID THINGS OR CHANGE MY ATTITUDE, I'M SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT IT'S A GROSS MISCALCULATION ON YOUR PART
AH, YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL, AREN'T YOU? IS THAT STILL A MISCALCULATION THEN?
SMIRK
WHAT?

I WAS THINKING THAT IT ISN'T LIKE YOU TO KEEP SILENT WHEN YOU HAVE A HOLD ON SOMEONE'S WEAKNESS BUT IT STILL DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I NOW KNOW ONE MORE OF YOUR SECRETS
I WAS TRICKED ..
smile
I'LL TAKE BACK MY WORDS
YOU'RE THE BEST BROTHER-IN-LAW ONE CAN ASK FOR

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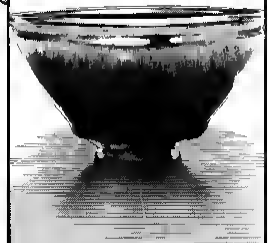
INTRODUCING THE JAPANESE CULTURE, AND HELPING PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND IT, IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE JOB OF A DIPLOMAT THAT'S STATIONED OVERSEAS
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SPIRITUALITY AND VISUALS, TEA CEREMONY IS THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, MOST EMBASSIES SITUATED OVERSEAS HAVE A FULLY PREPARED TEA ROOM, AND TEA CEREMONY MASTERS ARE INVITED IN FROM JAPAN TO PERFORM THE TEA CEREMONY FOR VISITORS

THAT'S A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL! I'VE HEARD LOTS ABOUT THIS, BUT NONE OF IT COMES NEAR TO MATCHING THE REAL EXPERIENCE!
AND THE DIFFICULTY OF THE JAPANESE WAY OF SITTING IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT ONE CAN'T UNDERSTAND IF ONE HASN'T TRIED IT
YOU WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE AUTHENTIC ETIQUETTE OF THE TEA CEREMONY, THAT'S WHY WE DID IT IN THIS STYLE, BUT FOR FOREIGNER GUESTS, WE DO HAVE A MODIFIED VERSION THAT LETS GUESTS SIT ON CHAIRS
ha ha ha!!
THAT'S CHEEKY OF YOU! THAT'S OUR PUNISHMENT FOR HAVING NOT STUDIED THE JAPANESE CULTURE SUFFICIENTLY, RIGHT?

BUT, HERE IN THAILAND, IT SEEMS THAT THAT IS NOT NECESSARY



BUT UNLIKE US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MR. SAIANON DOES DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED
FOR SOMEONE THAT HAD MADE A FORTUNE, AND GOTTEN TO THE TOP OF THE INDUSTRY, THANKS TO THE GREEN TEA BOOM, YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THAT
INDEED, THAT'S A SORE SPOT FOR ME ... I DID MADE MY FORTUNE FROM GREEN TEA
IN THAT CASE, I WONDER IF YOU CAN ASK THE MINISTER TO GIVE YOU THE HONOR OF SHOWING OFF THE JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY ETTIQUETTE AT YOUR NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND
OOH! THAT'S RIGHT!!
HOW ABOUT IT, MINISTER? MOST OF THE THAI POPULATION HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO SEE A TRUE JAPANESE TEA CAREMONY! I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION!
TO BE ABLE TO BRING ONE'S CULTURE INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY IS A THING TO BE PROUD OF, WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO ENSURE THAT THIS TREND WILL NOT FADE AWAY AFTER A ONE-OFF BOOM

HOW DARE WE USE OUR MINISTER AS A SHOWPIECE FOR HIS OWN BUSINESS GAINS .....!?
EXCUSE .....
MR SAIANON, THAT'S TOO PRE-SUMPTOUS OF YOU! YOU SHOULD BE ASKING THE MINISTER IF HE CAN INTRODUCE ANYONE SUITABLE TO YOU IN THAT CASE!
ACTUALLY, IT'S FINE BY ME I'LL ARRANGE TO FIT IT IN MY SCHEDULE
BUT PLEASE PROMISE THAT IT WILL TOTALLY BE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE TEA CEREMONY, NOT OF YOUR PRODUCTS IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD BE TO BOTH OUR BENEFITS
AND SO, THIS WOULD BE A GREAT FAVOR TO THE THAILAND GOVERNMENT

MINISTER, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO
...
I'M SHOCKED
IT SEEMS THAT TOMOHIRO-KUN ALSO KNEW IT QUITE WELL TOO
YOU'VE LEARNT IT BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU HAVE A GOOD TEACHER NEAR YOU, RIGHT?
MICHIKO-SAN IS A CERTIFIED MASTER OF THE TEA CEREMONY, IF I DIDN'T REMEMBER WRONGLY
I DID STUDY A BIT ABOUT IT WHEN PREPARING FOR OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS, SO I KNOW THE PROCESS, BUT TO ACTUALLY DEMONSTRATE IT MYSELF WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
SIS, HUH
INDEED, SHE'S A GOOD TEACHER, BUT I DON'T REALLY WANT TO LEARN FROM A FAMILY MEMBER

FU
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I CAN TEACH YOU? RESPONDING TO A FOREIGNER'S INTEREST IN JAPAN IS ALSO PART OF A DIPLOMAT'S JOB
SOME CHOOSE TO MARRY A WIFE THAT CAN PLAY A GOOD HOST, BUT I FEEL THAT DOING IT ONESELF HAS MORE OF AN ADVANTAGE
...
I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE OFFERING
...
BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON YOUR LESSON

THAT'S NOT FUNNY NO MATTER HOW BORED YOU ARE, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE INATTENTIVE IN THE MIDST OF WORK
JUST WATCHING YOU IN THE KIMONO RIGHT NOW IS MAKING MY MIND WANDER
NOP. I'M SERIOUS

IT SEEMS THAT I'VE REALLY FALLEN FOR YOU
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY
WELL, I HAD PLANNED TO NOT TELL YOU FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE, BUT I CAN'T KEEP SILENT ABOUT IT ANYMORE
BEATING AROUND THE BUSH DOESN'T WORK ON YOU, SO I MIGHT AS WELL JUST ADMIT IT STRAIGHT

I KNOW THAT YOUR UPCOMING MARRIAGE WITH MY SISTER IS UNAVOIDABLE
BUT, FEELINGS-WISE, I WANT MORE THAN THAT PLEASE ALLOW ME TO WORK HARD TOWARDS THAT
I'VE RESERVED TERRACE SEATS AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL FOR TONIGHT, 8PM OF COURSE, A ROOM TOO
PLEASE COME
I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU

THAT WAS
UNEXPECTED
..

"PLEASE COME
I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU"
exhale

I'M DOING A STUPID THING AIN'T I
WE ARE TWO WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN VIRTUAL STRANGERS
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER INCREASE, OR HOW MANY TIMES WE HAVE SEX, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT I'M GETTING CLOSER TO HIS HEART
IF I HADN'T MET HIM AS MY SISTER'S FIANC, HE WOULD HAVE JUST REMAINED A RESPECTED SUPERIOR AT WORK
AND ALSO, I WON'T HAVE -:- FALLEN I N LOVE -:-
HOW IRONIC
IF I HADN'T MET HIM ON THE PRETEXT OF BEING MY SISTER'S FIANC, I WON'T HAVE GOTTEN SO DEEPLY INVOLVED

AT THAT TIME
WHEN I SAW THE IMPERFECT MINISTER THAT HAD LOST HIS SENSES AND BEARINGS,
I FINALLY COULD AFFIRM THAT THE MINISTER WAS A HUMAN LIKE ME
"YOU'RE THE BEST"
"THE BEST BROTHER-IN-LAW ONE CAN ASK FOR"

IT WAS ONE THAT I HAD EMBRACED COUNTLESS TIMES SO I KNEW
THAT THIN BODY THAT HAD LOST WEIGHT
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT
I KNEW THAT PROBABLY EVEN DOCTORS WON'T BE ABLE TO CURE IT TOO
THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP
TO WAIT TILL THE STORM BLOWS OVER AND
FEAR AS EVEN IF IT'S OVER FOR NOW, IT WILL COME BACK AGAIN NEXT YEAR

THE ONLY THING I KNOW IS THAT NO ONE ELSE KNOWS. HE'S BEEN BEARING WITH IT ALONE ALL THIS TIME ...
I DON'T THINK I CAN ASK HIM THE REASON FOR IT
ALONE ALL THIS WHILE
TOMOHIRO...?
WHEN I THINK OF THAT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF ANYMORE

IF HE DOES COME I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR HIM
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I THOUGHT OF HIM AS BELOVED
THAT AT TIMES WHEN HE S LOST HIMSELF I WILL DEFINITELY STAY BY HIS SIDE
I WON'T LEAVE HIM ALONE
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DRIVE ME TO THE AIRPORT TOMORROW AT 19 00 HOURS, IF THAT'S ALRIGHT BY YOU?
MINISTER YOSHINAGA, YOU CALLED FOR ME?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MY NOT TURNING UP?
shut's
19 00 HOURS, TOMORROW RIGHT? GOT IT IS THAT ALL?
YES
I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE THEN
.....

YOU NEVER SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO COME IT'S JUST A MATTER OF SOMEONE NOT COMING, WHEN HE'S NEVER CONFIRMED THAT HE'S COMING IN THE FIRST PLACE
I DON'T PLAN TO BECOME A SPOILT CHILD ALTHOUGH IF YOU HAD TURNED UP, I WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLY HAPPY

BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MINISTER
IS IT ALRIGHT FOR US TO BE WAITING IN THE NORMAL ARRIVAL HALL? WHO WILL BE COMING
TOMOHIRO-SAN!
YOU'LL KNOW IN A MINUTE
KOUSHI-SAN!!

SIS!?
rattle
rattle

I'M SORRY TO HAVE CALLED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR A DEMONSTRATION BUT THEY WOULD DEFINITELY BE DELIGHTED
RATHER THAN HAVE SOME FILTHY MAN MAKING TEA OUT IN THE OPEN, ANYONE. NO MATTER WHAT THE NATIONALITY IS, WOULD FIND THAT A BEAUTIFUL LADY DOING IT A WHOLE LOT MORE DELICIOUS
AH, IF THIS IS A COUNTRY THAT CAN CALL KOUSHI-SAN A FILTHY MAN, THEN PERHAPS NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, IT'S USELESS
BUT I'VE BROUGHT THE BEST KIMONO I HAVE, I WANT TO SHOW IT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! WHILE I'M STAYING HERE, CAN I STAY IN YOUR HOME?
Ah! Tomohiro-san. I'll leave my luggage to you
I WOULD LIKE THAT TOO, BUT IF I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE OUR MARRIAGE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FACE AMBASSADOR SHIRAISHI
I'VE BOOKED A ROOM FOR YOU AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL TO MAKE UP FOR IT, I'LL MAKE AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR YOU WHILE YOU'RE HERE

ON PURPOSE HE HAD CHOSEN THAT HOTEL
IS THAT YOUR ANSWER

glance
JUST NOW
...
"KOUSHI-SAN ...!!"

THE ONE WHO BETRAYED SIS WAS ME
TO BE JEALOUS OF HER IS REALLY CRAZY OF ME, I KNOW THAT
IF THE TWO OF THEM MARRY, THIS WILL NATURALLY BE HOW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT
I HAD THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPROMISE WELL AND CONTROL MY FEELINGS
THAT IT'LL BE ALRIGHT AS LONG AS OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NOT DISCOVERED
SHE'S MY OWN SISTER
BUT
I DEFINITELY DON'T WISH UNHAPPINESS TO BEF..LL HER
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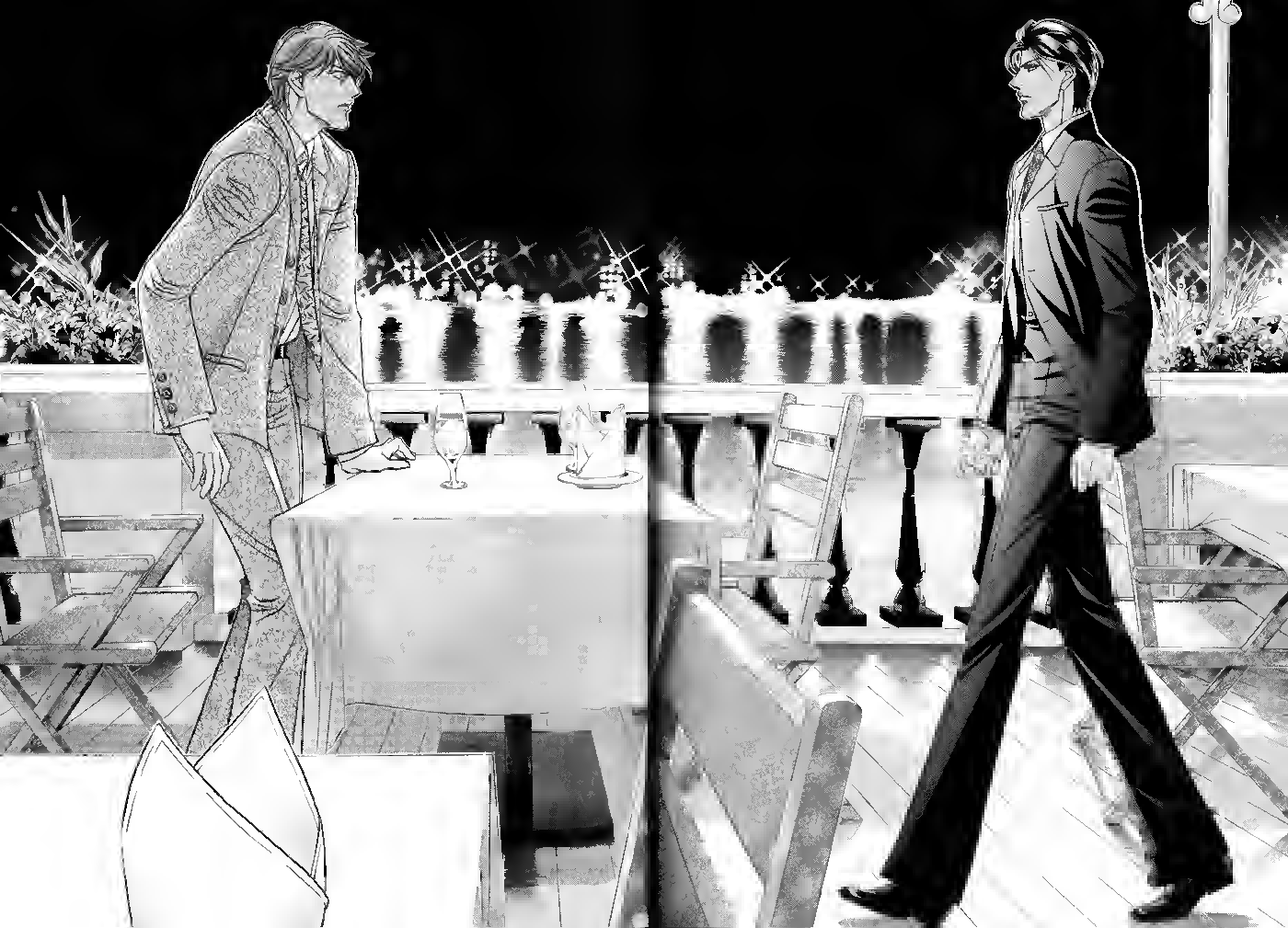

MINISTER...!!
COOLED YOUR HEAD OFF SOME? BY NOW, YOU SHOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE SAYING
CAN A RELATIONSHIP BEYOND THAT OF MARRIAGE ALLOW THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR DISTRACTION OUTSIDE OF ONESELF?
BUT RIGHT NOW, I
I DEFINITELY DON'T WISH UNHAPPINESS TO BEFALL HER...
KO...SHI...

I CAN'T ACCEPT SIS'S EXISTENCE ANYMORE ...!
KOUSHI...!
KOUSHI !!
JEEZ. NOT ONLY DID I NOT BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FAST ENOUGH, I GET EMBROILED IN AN AMBIGUOUS AFFAIR LIKE THIS ...

IT SEEMS THAT MY PLAN TO CONFRONT YOU WITH REALITY TO MAKE YOU REGAIN YOUR COOL-HEADEDNESS HAS GOTTEN THE OPPOSITE EFFECT INSTEAD
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR RESPONSE IS ALWAYS SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED THE CURRENT SITUATION NOW IS THE ACCUMULATION OF THAT
BUT THE MOST UNEXPECTED THING IS THAT,
AT THIS STAGE, I MYSELF CANNOT DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO FORM A RELATIONSHIP BEYOND MARRIAGE WITH YOU